3. Encouraging self-employment of Urban poor by an appropriate credit support programme supervised by an Urban Small Business Development Bank.

4. Setting up of 4 major banking institutes to augment inflow of institutional finance for urban development.

5. Increasing the supply of serviced land and low-cost shelter, improving and upgrading slums and conserving the existing housing stock.

6. Amendment of Urban Land (Ceiling & Regulation) Act, 1976 in order to bring larger supply of land into market.

7. Amendment of existing Rent Control legislation to limit tenency protection to the poor and existing and provide for annual revision of rents.

8. Recognition of the existing Municipal structure and inproving the financial position of the local bodies.

9. Setting up of State Government Finance Commissions for adequate devolution of resources from the State Governments to local bodies.

(c) and (d)The report of the Commission has been examined in detail in consultation with various Ministries and Departments of Government of India, State Governments and Union Territories and also in a number of conferences and seminars wherein experts in the field also participated. Urban Development perse is a State subject and it is therefore for the State Governments to take action on specific issues relating to them like the selection of towns for assistance under various schemes including Centrally Sponsored Schemes and so on.

Some of the suggestions made by the Commission have been acted upon as part of ongoing Housing & Urban Development programmes. These include:

(i) Setting up of a National Housing Bank under the R.B.I.

(ii) Opening of a separate window in the HUDCO for providing funds for infrastructure development by various local bodies/State agencies.

(iii) Introduction of Nehru Rozgar Yojana as measure of urban poverty alleviation.

(iv) Providing urban basic services.

(v) Assisting the ientified towns under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes of IDSMT. The Delhi Rent Control Act has already been amended and the State Govts. have been advised to consider similar amendments to the Rent Control Laws, if any, in their States. The recommendations made by the Commission have been taken into consideration while formulating the Eight Five Year Plan.

Development of medium and small towns in Tamil Nadu

672. SHRI R.T. GOPALAN : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether any proposal regarding development of small and medium towns of Tamil Nadu is under consideration of Government;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) the State-wise amount spent on the development of such towns during the last three years ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) and (b) The Centrally sponsored Scheme of integrated development of small and medium towns is an on-going scheme started during the 6th Plan. Towns are selected for assistance under this scheme every year depending upon the budgetary allowance with the Govt. of India for this purpose and based on the list of pericritized towns received from the State Govts. alongwith detailed project reports of the schemes. Govt of Tamil Nadu have sent project reports for five towns for the current year. Final decision on sanction of IDSMT schemes for the current year has not been taken.

(c) State-wise release of fund by Central Govt. under the scheme during last three years is given in statement (*See below*) Details of year-wise expenditure including the State Componedt under the scheme are not maintained by the Central Govt.

Statement

State-wise release of Central Assistance under Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns (includings LCS)

(During Last three years) (Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	Name of the State	1988-89	1989-90	1990-91	Total
1.	Andhra Pradesh	61·50	85·09	85·00	23·59
2.	Assam	59·50	59·50	65·00	184·00
3.	Bihar	79·50	120·05	47·50	252·535
4.	Goa	..	..	10·00	10·00
5.	Gujarat	191·60	59·50	80·08	331·18
6.	Haryana	76·00	86·50	..	162·50
7.	Himachal Pradesh	..	..	..	..
8.	Jammu & Kashmir	8·00	1·82	42·50	52·32
9.	Karnataka	180·441	52·57	68·50	301·511
10.	Kerala	61·25	5.00	55·81	122·06
11.	Madhya Pradesh	130·32	182·23	185·00	497·55
12.	Maharashtra	110·635	125·255	218·31	454·50
13.	Manipur	..	..	54·42	54·42
14.	Meghalaya	46·00	63·50	24·50	134·10
15.	Mizoram	..	3·50	..	3·50
16.	Nagaland	24·00	24·00	36·20	74·20
17.	Orissa	71·00	68·00	178·25	317·25
18.	Punjab	46·00	89·64	..	135·64
19.	Rajasthan	36·00	89·75	82·50	208·25
20.	Sikkim	20·00	29·75	..	49·75
21.	Tamil Nadu	64·29	244·42	279·34	588·05
22.	Tripura	27·00	20·09	20·00	67·00
23.	Uttar Pradesh	195·026	44·00	198·50	437·526
24.	West Bengal	110·06	82·69	185·73	328·40
25.	Andaman & N. Islands	..	..	..	..
26.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	23·235	23·75	..	46·985
27.	Lakshdweep	..	..	25·00	25·00
28.	Pondicherry	25·00	23·75	28·00	76·75
	Total :	1646·357	1593·300	1910·06	5147·717